

MODAL VERBS

1. Rewrite the following sentences with MODALS of ABILITY, PERMISSION, POSSIBILITY, CERTAINTY, OBLIGATION, NECESSITY and RECOMMENDATION .

- a I don't know where Rita is. Perhaps she is still working at the office.
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- b I'm sure she went out. The lights are off.
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- c It is unnecessary to worry about the results now. The school year is over.
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- d It would have been advisable to show more respect for the environment.
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- e It is extremely probable that you forgot your jacket at the Cinema.
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- f. My mother will possibly pay for my driving license when I am 18.
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- g. At the age of five Mozart already had the ability to play the keyboard and the violin.
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- h. My Maths teacher didn't let me use a calculator when I was at primary school.
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- i. It's necessary to have a visa when you visit China.
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- j. It would have been a good idea to book a table before coming.
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- k. I was not sure whether Ann knew about Kyle's new girlfriend.
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- l. Sure the party was great fun; Rachel came home at two in the morning!
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- m. Paul's parents had never given him permission to smoke at home.
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- n. It wasn't fine that you asked Molly out before breaking up with Sue.
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- o. Certainly Dan didn't lose the keys. He's such a responsible guy.
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- p. Sheelah hasn't had the ability to finish her school project because her computer wasn't working.
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- q. Hannah is too honest for a thing like that! It is impossible that she lied to you.
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- r. Forgetting to bring your identity Card was a silly thing to do.
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ANSWERKEY

- a. Rita may/might/could be working at the office.
- b. She must have gone out.
- c. You/We needn't worry/don't have to worry about the results.
- d. You/We should have shown/ought to have shown more respect for the environment.
- e. You may/might/could have forgotten your jacket at the cinema.
- f. My mother may/might/could pay for my driving licence when I am 18.
- g. At the age of 5 Mozart could already play the keyboard and the violin.
- h. I wasn't allowed to use a calculator when I was at primary school.
- i. You need to have a visa when you visit China.
- j. We should have booked a table before coming.
- k. Ann may/might/could not have known about Kyle's new girlfriend.
- l. The party must have been great fun.
- m. Paul had never been allowed to smoke at home.
- n. You shouldn't have asked Molly out before breaking up with Sue / You should have broken up with Sue before asking Molly out.
- o. Dan can't have lost the keys.
- p. Sheelah hasn't been able to finish her school project because her computer wasn't working.
- q. Hannah can't have lied to you.
- r. You shouldn't have forgotten to bring your identity card / You should have brought your identity card.